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FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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1. SUMMARY: THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED TALKS BETWEEN THE
FRG AND POLAND OVER CONCLUSION OF A LONG TERM ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AGREEMENT ADJOURNED WITHOUT SUCCESS. BOTH
SIDES, HOWEVER, AGREED TO EXTEND UNTIL DECEMBER 1974
THEIR EXISTING TRADE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING IMPORT
INCREASES UNDER THE COMMODITY PROTOCOL. A CREDIT FOR
POLAND WAS NOT DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY

2.H SIMON OF THE MFA TOLD US THE FRG AND POLAND
CONCLUDED, IN BONN, A THIRD ROUND OF TALKS ABOUT
CONCLUSION OF FRG-POLISH AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC
COOPERATION WITHOUT REACHING AGREEMENT. THE FRG
SIDE WAS LED BY AMBASSADOR SIGRIST WITH THE POLISH
DELEGATION HEADED BY VICE DIRECTOR RUCINSKI OF THE
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO SIMON, THE
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AGREEMENT WOULD PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF A MIXED

COMMISSION SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING SOVIET AND ROMANIAN ONES. THE STICKING POINT IS A POLISH DEMAND THAT THE AGREEMENT CONTAIN A SECTION ON SPECIFIC TRADE REGULATION, SOMETHING THE FRG SAYS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN THE EC. THE FRG IS REQUESTING INCLUSION OF A CONSULTATIVE CLAUSE, ALSO ON EC GROUNDS, AND THE POLES ARE RESISTING. SIMON DOUBTS THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE CONCLUDED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND SAID THERE IS NO PRESSING REASON FOR ACTION.

3. AS WITH SIMILAR COMMODITY TRADE AGREEMENTS THE FRG HAS WITH OTHER STATE TRADING COUNTRIES, THE FRG EXTENDED ITS EXISTING POLISH AGREEMENT TO DECEMBER 1974, AND TOLD THE POLES THE IMPORT INCREASES CONTAINED IN THE GOODS LISTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT. SIMON SAID THIS PROCEDURE WAS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH ITS EC OBLIGATION AS THE FRG WAS NOT CONCLUDING A NEW AGREEMENT, MERELY EXTENDING AN EXISTING ONE.

4. THERE WERE NO DISCUSSIONS ON THE FRG CREDIT FOR POLAND ACCORDING TO SIMON.
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